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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

THE DEMAND FOR REPARATION FOR SPANISH OUTRAGES.

From the N. Y. Herald.

Our telegraphic advices from Washington inform us that the Government is disposed to take a proper and national view of the outrages recently committed on the American flag in the case of the brig Mary Lowell and the boarding of the schooner Lizzie Majors on the high seas.

The case of the first-named vessel was an outrage of the most base character. It is not denied that this vessel was in possession of the customs officer of the British Government, in British waters, and with the seal of the Crown upon her hatch.

The affair of the Lizzie Majors is an equally palpable case of wrong on the part of the Spanish cruiser. She was boarded on the high seas, and two passengers taken from her and carried back to Cuba, where, from aught we yet know, they may have been already shot, as were those taken from the British schooner Jeff Davis.

It is well that the Government has taken steps to increase our naval force in Southern waters. The proclamation issued by General Dulce on the 24th of last month openly assumes the right to search and seize vessels on the high seas, and to try and condemn them if it please his Excellency so to do.

Mr. Justice Schley, pronounced *slig*, is the Don Quixote of Georgia—a knight who reveres the dark ages, but cannot endure a black skin. His hatred to the colored people is so implacable as to mislead his judgment and betray his conscience.

It seems that one Richard W. White, who, owing to no fault of his own, was born not quite white, was elected or appointed clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham county, in the State of Georgia.

But, setting aside all question of punishment, why should this man, thus branded, thus officially convicted of the highest crime a public man can commit—an attempt to sell his official power for money—convicted of corruption and venality in office—why should he be put into still higher office and given still better opportunities for repeating his offense?

It is not necessary in order to receive an appointment by the President "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." One vote would have averted this disgrace from the Senate, from the administration, and from the Republican party; but that one vote was not to be had.

take to mean, according to our liberal way of translating the Latin of Southern Judges, "from the end of a club," and everybody knows that the bludgeon has been and still is a favorite way, down South, of conferring rights and immunities upon the negroes.

OFFICIAL DISHONESTY NO BAR TO PROMOTION IN OFFICE.

From the N. Y. Times.

A good many curious and questionable things have been done in the matter of appointments to office during the last few weeks; but the most curious and the most questionable of them all is the appointment by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, of James M. Ashley to be Governor of Montana.

Eight years ago Mr. Ashley did all in his power to have a man named Case appointed Surveyor of a Western Territory, and himself made Chairman of the Committee on Territories in the House of Representatives.

These facts were not matters of rumor. They did not rest on hearsay testimony. They were established by Ashley's letters to Case; the propositions were distinctly made, in his own handwriting, and under his own signature; and the whole correspondence, which was as clear and definite as words could make it, was drawn out and put before Congress and spread upon its printed records, by a committee of the House of Representatives appointed to investigate the subject.

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The Senate has thus deliberately sanctioned the doctrine that integrity of character, honesty in office and in the discharge of official duty is not essential to official position; that it is not necessary in order to receive an appointment by the President "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

SHALL THE FEDERAL CAPITAL BE REMOVED TO NEW YORK?

From the N. Y. World.

We have reprinted a striking article from one of the most enterprising Republican journals in the West—the Cincinnati Commercial—advocating a change in the seat of the Federal Government. We must concede that the reasons urged for its transfer from Washington to New York are not wide and deep.

In the first place, it would give to the consolidationists (what they have never yet had) a plausible argument for dwarding and belittling the States, founded on the language of the Constitution. The Constitution expressly recognizes the propriety and the desirability of the Federal Government having complete jurisdiction over the locality which is the seat of the Federal authority.

near over the taste, and appeal to the interests of our countrymen, would sweep and destroy the little remnant of local authority; and whatever might be the external form of our Government, it would be in substance and spirit a great consolidated empire.

The independent necessity of complete authority at the seat of government carries its own evidence with it. It is a power exercised by every legislature in the Union—I might say of the world—by virtue of its general jurisdiction. Without it, not only the public authority might be insulted and its proceedings interrupted with impunity; but a dependence of the members of the general government on the State comprehending the seat of government for protection in the exercise of their duty, might bring on the national councils an imputation of equal dishonor to the Government and to the confederacy.

Certain it is, that if the national capital is ever transferred to New York, Congress will claim, and will exercise, full authority and jurisdiction over the city. The practical result will be the same whether the Legislature cedes the city or not; and it is not easy to overrate the effect of such a transfer in hastening the consolidation of all political authority in the Federal Government.

It would associate the Federal Government, in the popular imagination, with that mighty commerce which, having its centre here, spreads its ramifications through every part of the Union. It would convert the vast influence which this city is destined to exert upon the country by its wealth, its intelligence, its civilization, its commerce, its social pre-eminence, and its public journals, into a strong ally and supporter of the political authority.

Up to within a recent period, we have had nothing in this country corresponding, in any respect, to the great capitals of Europe. The intellectual and social cultivation of the country, like its political authority, has been widely distributed; its numerous cities having no marked social pre-eminence or inferiority as compared with one another, any more than the several States in respect to political authority.

When the British took our national capital in our last war with that country, its capture was of little more consequence than would have been the capture of any other city of the same size. There has never been a time, until since New York has grown so large, when the loss of any particular city to a foreign enemy or a domestic rebellion would have seriously imperilled our safety, or diminished our resources, or arrested our civilization.

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To the creditors of said bankrupt. ALEXANDER P. COLLESBERY, Assignee, 46 ftm No. 307 CHESTNUT Street.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of JOHN SAUNDERS, Jr., deceased.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the accounts of JOHN THOMAS, JR., and CHARLES SAUNDERS, Executors of the last will of JOHN SAUNDERS, Jr., deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the executors, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment on THURSDAY, April 22, 1869, at 4 o'clock P. M., at his Office, No. 43 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia. THOMAS J. WORRELL, Auditor.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of CLAMOR FREDERICK HAGEDORN, Dec'd.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of GODFREY FRYTAG and HERMAN TERPAGUS, Administrators of the last will and testament of CLAMOR FREDERICK HAGEDORN, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the administrators, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment on MONDAY, the 20th of April, 1869, at 4 o'clock P. M., at his Office, No. 243 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia. F. M. HAGEDORN, Auditor.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. ROBERT V. HOPPER, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES W. PAUL, Defendant.

William W. Hopper, Plaintiff, vs. James W. Paul, Defendant. The above case, if any party should wish to be heard, a vinculo matrimonii should not be decreed, as a personal answer on your behalf, in accordance with your absence. Returnable on 8th DAY, April 17, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. Yours, etc. JOSEPH A. BOWMAN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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